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1. At the present time the Archaeo-Marxist Party has very close relations with PODN (Panhellenic Organization of Democratic Youth), and these relations are developing into real cooperation. The Archaeo-Marxists hope to be able to give guidance to this small but active group of young people. There is an article by Archaeo-Marxist Sotirios Tsigarides in the July 1960 number of Machitis, the PODN periodical, and in the next issue there will be an article by Demetrios Giotopoulos, leader of the Archaeo-Marxist Party.
2. The Archaeo-Marxists are working in close cooperation with certain independent Socialists such as Manolis Korakas, the newspaper man George Grammatikopoulos, and others.
3. The Archaeo-Marxist Party has no relations with and does not cooperate with SK-ELD, which is a personal enterprise of Alexander Svolos and Elias Tsirimokos.
4. At the present time the most noteworthy effort to form a united Socialist Party is being made by the Archaeo-Marxists. Having been recognized by COMISO and having achieved a certain amount of success in the March 1960 elections, SK-ELD is also making an effort to unite the Socialists and is discussing the incorporation of various Socialist leaders but without success.
5. According to Giotopoulos, the Archaeo-Marxist Party has never had a large number of members because it demands of its members a high level of education and regular and strenuous party work. Giotopoulos considers the leading members of his party to be men of experience and energy, and he hopes that his party will be able to gather the people together and organize them in the fight against Stalinist Communism.
6. The Archaeo-Marxists in Greece have always been the theoretical opponents of the Stalinist Communist leadership, and for that reason they have been reviled and persecuted by the Stalinists. At the same time the Archaeo-Marxist Party has been hindered, particularly in the provinces, by right-wing Greek elements who have made no distinction between Archaeo-Marxists and Stalinists.

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7. Giotopoulos' aims for his party are as follows:
- a. Reorganization of the party.
  - b. Intensive work in the labor field.
  - c. Establishment of a penetration cell in any organization developed by Stalinist Communists.
8. The Archaeo-Marxists have considered changing their name, but they have not had a real opportunity because of the abnormal situation, their lack of funds, and the isolation of certain members of their party. These conditions have prevented any real activity. The members will take up the matter of changing the name of their party after the party has been further developed.
9. The Archaeo-Marxists are now planning to publish a periodical to be called Pali ton Taxeon (The Class Struggle); this will be a theoretical and intellectual periodical published bi-weekly or monthly. They are also planning to publish a popular periodical, if possible a daily paper, to be called Laikon Vima (People's Tribune) or Laiki Foni (Voice of the People).
10. The Archaeo-Marxists are making a great effort in the labor union field. They are in the ASEM (Anexartiton Syndikalistikon Ergatikon Metopon - Independent Labor Union Front), cooperating with George Laskaris, Haralambos Sardis, and others. They are also trying to infiltrate their members into the administrations of other unions in order to extend their influence and activity. They have influence on the Syndesmos Syntaxiouchon Kapnergaton (League of Pensioned Tobacco-Workers) through the president of that organization, John Kapetanakis, who is an Archaeo-Marxist and who is trying to establish a Federation of Pensioned Tobacco-Workers. The president of the League of Pensioned Newspaper Sellers is Mitsos Christoforides, an Archaeo-Marxist. Vasilis Plataniotis, an Archaeo-Marxist, is able to influence the employees of the TEBE (Tameion Epangelmaton Biotechnon Ellados - Fund of the Professional Craftsmen of Greece). They also are able to influence the Union of Typographers through Theotokates, a printer in the National Printing Office.

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